

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DALLI RAJHARA-JAGDALPUR RAIL LINE
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the rail line project from Dalli Rajhara to Jagdalpur under the South East Railway;
- (b) the details of proposal submitted for taking clearance from environmental point of view for the said project;
- (c) whether the said proposal is again being forwarded to the Department of Environment for clearance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): The Final Location Survey for the entire length of Dallirajahara–Jagdalpur new line project has been completed. The first phase of this Railway line, viz., from Dallirajahara to Rowghat, is to be constructed entirely at the cost of M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) who have not yet deposited the cost of this part-project with the Railways, for want of the requisite forestry clearance.

(b) to (d): The State Government is to obtain the requisite environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) for the proposed Dallirajahara–Jagdalpur new line project. The MOEF had earlier refused forestry clearance in August 1999. MOEF has also not given clearance to Rowghat Iron Ore project to which this line is to be connected. The State Government of Chhattisgarh is to further pursue the matter of environmental clearance with MOEF.